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Our Case No. 7948-17

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Biedermann, et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: unassigned
Continuation of Serial No. 10/037,698, filed	)	
November 9, 2001	)	Group Art Unit No. unassigned
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Filing Date: January 22, 2004	)	
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For: BONE SCREW	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Begin on page 2 of this paper.